

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Adoption of NPDES Permit
and Consideration of a Cease and Desist Order
for

**FORMICA CORPORATION
SIERRA PLANT
PLACER COUNTY**

The Formica Corporation Sierra Plant is a distribution and manufacturing facility for high-pressure decorative plastic laminate. The facility is located along the highway 65 corridor, near the eastern city limit of the City of Roseville in Placer County. Approximately 0.6 million gallons per day (mgd) of noncontact cooling water is discharged via a drainage ditch to a wetland, which is the headwaters of an unnamed tributary of Pleasant Grove Creek, a water of the State. The Discharger is renewing NPDES permit No. CA0004057. The proposed permit contains a significant number of new effluent limitations for dichlorobromomethane, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, aluminum, iron, total trihalomethanes, persistent chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides, naphthalene, manganese, and total chlorine residual. The Discharger requests a two-year compliance schedule for compliance with permit limitations to allow for cessation of the discharge. The proposed permit and Cease and Desist Order provide time schedules to comply with new effluent limitations. Compliance time schedules included in the proposed permit and Cease and Desist are based on the Discharger's request.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 28/29 April 2005
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Board Office
11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114
or:
CalEPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Please contact staff prior to the meeting to determine the exact date and location.

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Formica Corporation

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **20 April 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **7 April 2005**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **7 April 2005** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on adoption of the NPDES permit for the Sierra Plant should contact **Trinh Pham at (916) 464-4761** or by email at tpham@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

7 March 2005